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SUBJECT: ALLON'S VIEW OF SADAT AND PNC

1. DURING A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON TO DUSCUSS
THE VISIT TO ISRAEL BY FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD,
HE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT
WEEK OF PRESIDENT SADAT. HE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT
SADAT WOULD BE GIVEN PROMISES OF U.S. ARMS DURING THE
VISIT. HE IS AWARE THE SUBJECT IS A SENSITIVE AND
DIFFICULT ONE, BUT HE FEELS THAT IF SADAT COMES BACK
FROM WASHINGTON WITH PROMISES OF ARMS THIS WOULD DAMAGE
THE PEACE PRECESS. I REPLIED THAT, AS HE KNEW, ARMS
TRANSFERS ARE BEING GIVEN VERY CAREFUL ANALYSIS BY THE
NEW ADMINISTRATION. ALLON COUNTERED WITH "THIS CASE
SHOULD BE ANALYZED FOR A LONG PERIOD."

2. ALLON ALSO COMMENTED THAT HIS REPORTS INDICATED
THAT SADAT'S VISIT TO GERMANY THIS WEEK HAD NOT BEEN
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AS SUCCESSFUL AS HIS VISIT THERE IN 1976. SADAT HAD
BEEN DISAPPOINTED TO FIND THAT THE GERMANS WERE MORE
INTERESTED IN THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW.

3. REFERRING TO THE RECENT SESSION OF THE PNC IN
CAIRO AND TO ASSESSMENTS OF THE PNC WHICH MFA OFFICIALS
HAVE SHARED WITH US (SEE TEL AVIV 2123), ALLON SAID

NOT ONLY HAD THE PLO NOT CHANGED , IT HAS IN FACT BECOME WORSE. IT HAS RESPONDED TO PRESSURES AND REQUESTS FOR CHANGE BY REMAINING EXTREMIST. WHILE IT MIGHT BE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THE LESS EXTREME WON OVER THE MORE EXTREME, THE ORGANIZATION CLEARLY REMAINS A DANGEROUS AS BEFORE.

4. THE RESULTS OF THE PNC PRESENT A DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO SADAT. EGYPT IS AWARE THAT A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD ENDANGER JORDAN AND ULTIMATELY SYRIA AND EGYPT ITSELF. NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT FEELS OBLIGATED TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A SEPARATE STATE. SADAT WILL ALSO FEEL OBLIGATED TO SEEK U.S. SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION OF THE PLO.

5. ALLON CONCLUDED THAT IN HIS VIEW THE U.S. MUST AVOID EXTENDING ANY SEMBALANCE OF SUPPORT TO THE PLO. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO HIM BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE HIS ISRAELI COUNTRYMEN FEEL THEY ARE BEING PUSHED INTO A CORNER; IF THEY SEE THE U.S. PUBLICLY ADOPT A POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PLO, THEY WILL FEEL THEY HAVE REACHED THAT POINT. HE WARNED THAT HE KNOWS HIS COUNTRYMEN WELL AND IF THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN THAT SITUATION, THEY ARE LIKELY TO REACT IRRATIONALLY.

6. COMMENT: THE ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN WATCHING , WITH A TINGE OF APPREHENSION, THE PREPARATIONS FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT HIS PROGRAM WILL BE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S. WHAT REALLY
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CONCERNS THEM, FROM ALL THE EVIDENCE, IS THAT SADAT'S "REASONABLE" ATTITUDE MAY BLIND PEOPLE TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER HIS UNYIELDING POSITIONS AS REGARDS PEACE, BORDERS, AND THE PALESTINIANS. AND OF COURSE THEY WOULD FIND ANY DECISION TO FURNISH U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT DISTASTEFUL AND ANTIPATHETIC TO THEIR INTERESTS. THEIR REACTIONS TO SUCH AN ARMS DEAL WOULD BE LOUD AND ADVERSE.
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